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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Absolute Home Phones, Inc. Section 63.71 Application

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Absolute Home Phones, Inc. and pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b), enclosed please find an original and four copies of the Company's Section 63.71 Application for approval to discontinue all domestic wireline telecommunications services.

Also enclosed is a duplicate of this filing. Please date-stamp the duplicate and return it to the courier.

Respectfully submitted,



Winafred Brantl

Counsel to Absolute Home Phones, Inc.

Enclosures

In the Matter of
Section 63.71 Application of
Absolute Home Phones, Inc.

Absolute Home Phones, Inc. (“Absolute,” the “Company” or “Applicant”) hereby seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to entirely discontinue its provision of domestic wireline telecommunications. Absolute has no customers for these services to be affected by the proposed discontinuance.

In December, 2012, pursuant to Commission approval of its Section 63.71 application, Absolute discontinued provision of its prepaid service offering in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky,

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Louisiana, North Carolina and Tennessee.² In its filing, Absolute noted its intention to review the telecommunications market and evaluate the viability of alternative service models.

After considered review, Absolute has determined that it is not feasible for the Company to continue as a wireline service provider. Consequently, the Company now requests approval to formally shut down its wireline services and surrender its blanket domestic wireline interstate authority. The Company has no wireline service customers to be affected by this discontinuance. Moreover, Absolute's withdrawal from the wireline services market will not adversely affect consumers generally, as a full range of competitive wireline service offerings are available from other carriers. Numerous carriers in each state provide either prepaid and/or postpaid residential service offerings, including the incumbents in each area.

The Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules:

1. Name and Address of Carrier: Applicant's name and address is Absolute Home Phones, Inc., P.O. Box 830010, Ocala, FL 34483.

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance, Reduction or Impairment: Absolute will implement the proposed discontinuance immediately following approval of this request by the Commission.³ ***The Company wishes to complete this process as expeditiously as possible and noting that there are no customers to be adversely affected by the discontinuance, requests that this application be placed on public notice as soon as possible and no later than April 19, 2013 so that the Company may effectuate the discontinuance on or before May 20, 2013.***

² At the time, Absolute had no customers for these services in Alabama, Louisiana and Tennessee. Absolute did not file to discontinue these services in Georgia, Mississippi or South Carolina, where it had not begun to offer its prepaid services.

³ Absolute understands that this application will be granted automatically on the 31st day after public notice of filing unless the Commission notifies the Company to the contrary.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected: Absolute proposes to discontinue its offering of domestic interstate wireline services throughout its operating territory, consisting of the states of: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. By this filing, the Company also surrenders its blanket domestic wireline operating authority, which encompasses interstate operations throughout the United States.

4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected: The communications services affected by the proposed discontinuance consist of domestic wireline residential local exchange and interexchange services.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers: As noted, Absolute has no customers for its wireline services in any state and thus there are no customers to be notified.

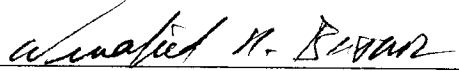
6. Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-Dominant with Respect to the Service to Be Discontinued, Reduced or Impaired: Applicant is considered non-dominant with respect to the affected services.

In accordance with Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules and concurrent with this filing, a copy of this Application is being mailed to (i) the Governors and Public Service Commissions (or equivalent) of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee and (ii) to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the Secretary of Defense.

Additional questions regarding this application should be addressed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 5, 2013

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 5th day of April, 2013, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

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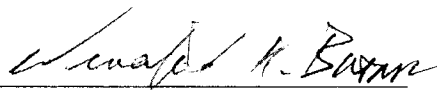
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